

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF  
STEPHEN D. PASTOR ET AL

Group Art Unit: **1625**  
Examiner: **Patricia L. Morris**

APPLICATION NO: not yet assigned

FILED: concurrently with this paper

FOR: SUBSTITUTED 5-ARYL-2-(2-  
HYDROXYPHENYL)-2H-BENZOTRIAZOLE  
UV ABSORBERS, COMPOSITIONS  
STABILIZED THEREWITH AND PROCESS  
FOR PREPARATION THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in this divisional application to place the present claims in condition for examination on their merits. An Office Action dated March 2, 2004 is issued in the parent application, which Action set a 1 month shortened statutory period for reply. A response is timely filed in the parent.

This divisional application is co-pending with the parent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.